

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

As for a method for measuring a steering angle of a steering shaft for a vehicle, a first rotatable body that rotates together with the steering shaft at an $r1$ ratio, and a second rotatable body that rotates together with the steering shaft at an $r2$ ratio are used.

- 5 An absolute rotational angle of the first rotatable body, Ψ , can be expressed as $\Psi' + i\Omega$, and an absolute rotational angle of the second rotatable body, θ , can be expressed as $\theta' + i\Omega$. Ψ' and θ' are measured by means of an angle sensor whose measurement range is Ω . To obtain the steering angle Φ of the steering shaft, measurement values Ψ_M' and for θ_M' of Ψ' and θ' are obtained, and from a relation between Ψ' and θ' , a plurality of
- 10 θ' s corresponding to the Ψ_M' value is calculated to yield a θ_C' . By comparing the θ_M' to the θ_C' , an i -value of the first rotatable body is obtained. The obtained i -value is then used for obtaining an absolute rotational angle Ψ of the first rotatable body. Finally, from a relation between Ψ and θ , the steering angle Φ of the steering shaft is obtained.